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SUBJECT: UAE PRESIDENT ON SADAT INITIATIVE AND GULF
TERRITORIAL DISPUTES

1. KUWAIT DAILY AL RAI AL AM (APRIL 23) PRINTS INTERVIEW OF
UAE PRESIDENT SHEIKH ZAYED IN WHICH HE DISCUSSES "BENEFITS
AND LOSSES" OF SADAT PEACE INITIATIVE AND TERRITORIAL DISPUTES
BETWEEN BAHRAIN AND QATAR AND THE UAE AND OMAN.

2. ON SADAT, SHEIKH ZAYED ASSERTED THAT THE FINAL RESULTS
OF THE INITIATIVE HAD NOT YET BEEN SEEN, BUT SO FAR SADAT'S
EFFORT HAS YIELDED A "GAIN" IN THAT IT SHOWED THE WESTERN
WORLD "THE TRUTH ABOUT ISRAEL.) THUS, THE WEST NOW UNDERSTANDS
THAT ISRAEL IS PREJUDICING ARAB RIGHTS. ALSO, SADAT UNDER-
TOOK HIS INITIATIVE "BECAUSE HE TRULY BELIEVED IN IT." ON THE
DEBIT SIDE, SHEIKH ZAYED TALKED IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE
LACK OF ARAB SOLIDARITY, BUT WITHOUT POINTING A
FINGER AT ANYONE.

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3. SHEIKH ZAYED REPORTEDLY OFFERED TO MEDIATE THE HAWAR
ISLAND DISPUTE, BETWEEN QATAR AND BAHRAIN, IF ASKED BY
EITHER SIDE TO DO SO, SAYING THAT HE WOULD WELCOME SUCH
A REQUEST. REGARDING THE BORDER QUESTION BETWEEN OMAN AND
RAS AL-KHAIMA, SHEIKH ZAYED SAID THAT BILATERAL TALKS HAD
BEEN UNDERWAY AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE, THAT MUCH
PRESS COVERAGE OF THE SITUATION HAD BEEN ERRONEOUS,

AND THAT IT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES TO REFRAIN
FROM ESCALATING THE SITUATION AND TO RECOGNIZE EACH
OTHER'S RIGHTS. HE CONCLUDED THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION
WILL BE FOUND AND THAT THE UAE IS "READY TO COME TO AN
UNDERSTANDING."
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